

ISSUE SUMMARY

Call for Nominations for Members of the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

The Bureau of Land Management's Assistant Director for Renewable Resources and Planning is recommending that a Federal Register Notice calling for nominations for three positions on the 2003 Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board be issued immediately. The terms of three of the current members will expire June 30, 2003. Potential members must be screened by both the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service and approved by both the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture. In order to expedite the process, the Wild Horse and Burro Program Office should receive nominations not later than May 15, 2003.

The Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board is authorized by the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act (Public Law 92-195) and has provided the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture with valuable advice and counsel on myriad public lands issues involving wild horses and burros on public and forest system lands.

The 9 members serve staggered, three-year terms [subject to the Board's Charter being renewed every two years] to provide continuity. Three members of the board must be appointed each year. Three copies of the Federal Register notice and three copies of the transmittal memorandum to the Federal Register are enclosed for the Director's signature.

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What is the title of this notice? Call for Nominations for the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board

What is the date that the office submitted this notice to Washington? April 11, 2003

What is the reason for this notice?

The 9 members of the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board serve staggered, three-year terms [subject to renewal of the Board's charter every 2 years] to assure continuity. The terms of 3 members expire each year on June 30.

What are the reasons for the timing of the notice and consequences, if any, of delaying or canceling the release?

The timing of this notice is to provide the public with at least 30-day notice in which to nominate individuals to serve on the Board for the period of July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006. Delaying the release beyond April 11, 2003 or canceling the release will unduly hurry the nomination process as described in Section 14(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

Does the notice relate to an Administration policy or priority or a controversial issue and, if so, how?

The Wild Horse and Burro Program is one of the most visible and controversial programs within the Department of the Interior. By assuring that the Public receives notice of vacancies on the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board, the Bureau of Land Management gives the public more confidence in its management of the program and assures that interested individuals will have the opportunity to be considered for membership on the Board.

Does the action described in this notice require coordination with State/Tribal/local government? No

Would a map enable the reviewer to better understand the impact or intent of the notice?
No

Does this notice affect national Monuments or National Conservation Areas? No

Is there any additional pertinent information that reviewers need to know? No